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Federal Communications Commission  
c/o Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell

RE: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Union County is constantly working with telecom providers to improve the technology infrastructure in our region for our citizens and businesses. For example, a few months ago we were pleased to hear about AT&T bringing more broadband to our county via by expanding the reach of its U-verse service—this will add immeasurable value to our community.

Now, we may have an even better opportunity. As I understand its impact, AT&T's request to merge with T-Mobile will further increase wireless Internet access for our businesses and homeowners. Should the merger be approved by the FCC, post-merger AT&T is expected to invest billions of dollars to upgrade infrastructure in order to support high-speed wireless connections for at least 97 percent of the country.

That's a very intriguing possibility, one that will keep Union County and other mostly rural areas on pace with the latest innovations that large urban centers enjoy. It will help fuel job growth and provide the valuable tools businesses need to develop and be successful.

I believe in strong marketplace solutions, and I think a stronger AT&T will drive the competition to achieve universal broadband coverage and compel other major telecom companies to do the same. I hope your deliberations bring you to a similar conclusion. Regardless, I know the FCC works in consumers' interests first and foremost, so I very much appreciate your oversight of this transaction.

Thoughtfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micheal".

The Honorable Micheal Williams  
Mayor of Union County, Tennessee